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AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN  
SAID DEVICE

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Related Application

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This application is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/200,253, filed Nov. 25,  
1998, *now U.S. Patent No. 6,303,972 issued Oct. 16, 2001.*

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1/12 without prejudice.